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Shunichi Shiozawa et al.

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For: DISEASE SUSCEPTIBILITY GENE FOR
RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS, PROTEIN
THEREOF, EVALUATION METHOD AND
EVALUATION KIT FOR EVALUATING
ONSET POSSIBILITY OF RHEUMATOID
ARTHRITIS BY USING THOSE, AND
REMEDY AND CURING MEDICINE FOR
RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS

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DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.132

The undersigned, Shunichi Shiozawa, Koichiro Komai, and Mikiko Nakatsukasa,
hereby declare as follows:

1. We are named co-inventors of the above-referenced patent application ("the Application").
2. We are familiar with the Application and with pending claim 4 thereof. We understand that, in an Office Action issued from the U.S. Patent Office on May 14, 2008, the Examiner has rejected claim 4 as allegedly anticipated under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) over Shiozawa et al., Nippon Rinsho (2002) volume 60, pages 2269-2275 (translation pages 1-19) (hereinafter the "Shiozawa et al. Reference").

3. The authors listed on the Shiozawa et al. Reference are Shunichi Shiozawa, Koichiro Komai, Hiroki Kawasaki, Masae Sato, Mikiko Nakatsukasa, Toshie Nakashima, Rie Okayama, and China Sakai. Of the above-listed authors of the Shiozawa et al. Reference, Shunichi Shiozawa, Koichiro Komai, and Mikiko Nakatsukasa are named as co-inventors of the Application.

4. We hereby declare that co-authors Hiroki Kawasaki, Masae Sato, Toshie Nakashima, Rie Okayama, and China Sakai did not contribute to the conception of the method of pending Claim 4 of the Application. We further declare that co-authors Hiroki Kawasaki, Masae Sato, Toshie Nakashima, Rie Okayama, and China Sakai are not co-inventors of the pending Claim of the Application.

5. We hereby further declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both (18 U.S.C. 1001), and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the above-identified Application or any patent issued thereon.

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